Peru Police Department

Case Number: 16-9667

Case Report

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Initial Report

Officer P14 ATKINS, JOHN P. Date 07/21/2016

On 07/21/2016 at approximately 9:40 am, I, Detective Atkins, received a fax from DCFS (see attached) reference a reported sexual abuse, that was reported to the DCFS hot line on 07/20/2016 at 5:04 pm. The reporting person, Beverly Schneider, advised that she has baby-sat Madeline Kramer for the past year and a half, and that Madeline's parents, Kevin Kramer and Julia Eickmeier, have been going through a court case. Schneider advised that Eickmeier suspects Kramer of sexually abusing Madeline and that Eickmeier wants to stop Kramer's visitations. Schneider advised that she was set to testify on Eickmeier's behalf on 07/18/2016, but Kramer's attorney blocked her testimony. It should be noted that I was also at the court hearing on 07/18/2016 and Schneider's testimony was not blocked and that the court case was continued to August 31st, 2016 due to the Judge having a busy schedule. During the hearing the Judge advised Eickmeier not to violate the court ordered visitation order and confirmed with Kramer's attorney to have Eickmeier cited for the custody agreement violation.

Schneider advised that on 07/11/2016 she had picked up Madeline from Eickmeier's residence. Schneider advised that Madeline stated that she (Madeline) wanted to go to Kramer's house and "play with his snake." Schneider advised that Madeline stated that Kramer puts the "snake" into her mouth and "gags" her and that Kramer put the "snake" up her dress. Schneider advised that Madeline advised that Kramer put his fingers up her dress and that Kramer's fingers have "boo-boos." Schneider advised that when Madeline comes back from a visit with Kramer, her eyes are glazed over and crossed eyed for several days until Madeline "comes out of it." Schneider advised that Madeline goes up to men she don't know and tries to grab their penis.

I conducted a computer search on Schneider and I didn't locate anything in the Peru Police Computer. I

conducted an SOS image search on Schneider (see attached) and I recognized her from being at the Eickmeier/Kramer court hearing on 07/18/2016.

I spoke to DCFS Investigator Yerly and she advised that she is aware of the numerous documented allegations that Eickmeier has made. Inv. Yerly advised that she had spoke to LaSalle County Assistant State's Attorney Deny who advised that another CAC interview does not need to be completed, due to the last CAC was conducted on 05/31/2016, and no disclosure was made.

I called Kramer's attorney, Bob Steele, to advised him of the complaint and get his permission to speak to Kramer about the allegation. Attorney Steele was not in his office and I was advised that he was currently in court, which I left a message for him to contact me.

At approximately 10:00 am, I observed Kramer in the west parking lot, waiting for his court ordered visitation. At approximately 10:10 am I met with Kramer in the parking lot and asked him if he was waiting for Eickmeier to arrive for the child custody exchange, which he advised that he was. I advised Kramer of the new allegations and asked him if he would be willing to speak to me about the allegations, which he advised that he would. I advised Kramer that I contacted his attorney, advised him of the allegations, but I haven't received a called back, which Kramer stated he understood.

At approximately 10:11 am I directed Kramer to the interview room, advised him that the interview room is video/audio recorded, and he stated that he understood. I advised Kramer that he was not under arrest and was free to leave at anytime, which he stated that he under stood. Due to Kramer being at the Peru Police Department on his own free will, I didn't advise him of his Miranda rights. The following is a synopsis of the interview and not verbatim:

I asked Kramer when was the last he had seen Madeline and he advised that he was with Madeline on 07/19/2016 from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Kramer advised that Eickmeier had called him numerous times on 07/21/2016 and then showed up with Madeline at his work (Wesclox, Peru, Illinois). Kramer stated that he called his mother and Father, Mary and Joe Kramer, who came to his work to see Madeline. I asked Kramer if he was ever alone with Madeline on 07/19/2016 and he advised that he was not. I asked Kramer when was the last time Madeline was with him during his court ordered visitation and he advised on 06/24/2016. Kramer advised that he was supposed to have Madeline on Thursday at 10:00 am through Sunday at 6:00 pm every other week, but Eickmeier has been violating the court order.

I asked Kramer if he has a snake at his residence and he stated that he doesn't. I asked Kramer if he has a stuffed animal snake or anything he calls a snake at his residence and he stated he doesn't. I asked Kramer about a candle and he stated he doesn't have a candle at his residence, and Madeline doesn't play with any candles. I asked Kramer if he has any cuts on his hands and he stated that he does not. I checked his hand and I did not observe any fresh cut/injuries, scars, old cuts/injuries, or any recently healed cuts/or injuries.

I asked Kramer if Madeline had ever gotten cold sores, which he advised that he didn't know. I asked Kramer if he knew who watches Madeline for Eickmeier and he stated that he does not. I asked Kramer if he had ever witnessed Madeline grab anyone's penis and he stated that he had not. I asked Kramer if Madeline had ever grabbed his penis and he stated that she had not. I asked Kramer if he had ever witnessed Madeline masturbate and he advised that he had not. Kramer advised that he observed Madeline scratch/touch her vaginal area, but not masturbate. I asked Kramer if he had ever observed Madeline "dry humping" any stuffed animals and he advised that he had not.

I asked Kramer when was the last contact he had with Eickmeier and he advised that Eickmeier had texted him this morning at approximately 5:59 am. Kramer advised that Eickmeier texted: "Madeline is screaming and crying doesn't want to go. From her room in a very disturbing way" I asked Kramer if he could forward the text to my e-mail and he did (see attached).

I ended the interview at approximately 10:29 am and I shut off the video/audio recorder. I advised Kramer that I would investigate the complaint and that DCFS wanted to speak to him, which he stated was fine.

I contacted DCFS Inv. Yerly, advised her of my interview with Kramer, and we determined that we would speak to Schneider on 07/22/2016.

I completed a PERS form (see attached) and a Avigilon form (see attached) and I placed the Kramer interview into evidence as Item #1.

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Beat Subbeat

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Work/School MOTHER: JULIA EICKMEIER
FATHER: KEVIN KRAMER

DOB **01/20/2013** Age **3** Sex **F**
Phone (815) 876-7479

Cell Phone (000) 000-0000
Eyes Complex
Wk Ph (000) 000-0000

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Officer **P25 MATTHEW F. HEIDEN** Date **07/22/2016**

I, Ofc. Heiden, made a copy of item 1 for the case file.

End of Report

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EVIDENCE CUSTODIAN

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On 07/22/2016, I, Det. Atkins, received a call from DFCS Inv. Yerly advising that she made contact with Schneider and set up an interview time on 07/22/2016 at 2:00 pm, at the Peru Police Department. Inv. Yerly advised that Schneider was hesitant to conduct the interview at the Peru Police Department and advised her that she (Schneider) did not want certain officers present. Inv. Yerly advised that Schneider stated that certain officers do not like Eickmeier, and are friends with Kramer. Yerly stated that Schneider complained about Eickmeier being served a city ordinance ticket on 07/18/2016 at court and that some officers are blocking her (Schneider) from testifying on Eickmeier's behalf.

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On 07/22/2016 at approximately 2:00 pm, Schneider arrived at the Peru Police Department for her scheduled interview. At approximately 2:05 pm Inv. Yerly and I directed Schneider to the interview room and I offered her a glass of water, but she declined. I advised Schneider that the interview room is video/audio recorded and she stated she understood. I advised Schneider that she was not under arrest and is free to leave at any time, which she stated she understood. The following is a synopsis of the interview and is not verbatim (see video for full interview):

I asked Schneider how long she has know Eickmeier and she advised she met Eickmeier and Eickmeier's family when Eickmeier was approximately 13 yoa. Schneider stated that she has been watching Madeline for the past year and a half. Schneider stated that she watches Eickmeier's sister's child on a more regular basis and did not want to come forward before, because Eickmeier's family is against her (Eickmeier) and she didn't want to stop watching Eickmeier's sister's child. Schneider advised that she only watches Madeline for a few hours at a time, while Eickmeier was at court or at her (Eickmeier's) lawyer's office. I asked Schneider if she watched Madeline at her (Schneider's) residence and she stated that she takes Madeline to stores, restaurants, and only took Madeline to her (Schneider's) residence once.

I asked Schneider to tell me about the last time she watched Madeline and she advised that on 07/11/2016 she picked Madeline up at Eickmeier's residence in Peru, Illinois. Schneider advised that they were approaching the trailer park exit when Madeline stated that she wanted to go to "daddy's house" to play with his "snake". Schneider advised that she asked Madeline what "daddy does with the snake" and Madeline answered, "he puts it in my mouth" and Madeline made a gagging noise. Schneider states she asked if "sticky stuff" comes out of "daddy's snake" and Madeline answered, "yes." Schneider stated that she took Madeline to the McDonald's in Princeton, Illinois and while standing in line, Madeline approached a group of men. Schneider stated she grabbed Madeline because Eickmeier had told her that Madeline grabs men's penises. I asked if she had ever witnessed Madeline grab someone's penis and and she stated that she had not, but Eickmeier told her it has happened in the past.

Schneider advised that after visitations with Kramer, Madeline has come home with her eyes glossed over and crossed. I asked Schneider if she observed this and she advised that Eickmeier had sent her photographs in the past of Madeline. I asked Schneider if Madeline has had core sores and she advised that she had observed Madeline with cold sores, shortly after returning from Kramer's residence. Schneider advised that she (Schneider) has cold sores and that it is know that cold sores appear after the mouth is stretched. I asked Schneider if Kramer has herpes and she advised that Eickmeier told her that Kramer has herpes.

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I asked Schneider if she received the above information on 07/11/2016 why she waited till 07/20/2016 to report that incident and she advised that she knew that Kramer had visitation on 07/21/2016. I asked Schneider if she advised anyone else of what Madeline told her on 07/11/2016 and she advised that she texted Eickmeier, who was at her lawyer's office on that day. I asked Schneider if Eickmeier told her to report what Madeline told her before Kramer's court ordered visitation and she stated that Eickmeier did not.

I advised Schneider that this is not the first time a sexual abuse allegation was made against Kramer and that Eickmeier had also accused a therapist of sexually abusing Madeline. Schneider advised that she is aware of the past reports and the report involving the therapist. Schneider advised that the day Eickmeier took Madeline to the therapist, Eickmeier called her and advised that Madeline was screaming and crying inside of the therapist's office. Schneider stated that Eickmeier asked her what to do and Schneider stated she told Eickmeier to go into the therapist's office. Schneider stated that Eickmeier called her and told her that the Therapist's pants were unbuttoned. Schneider stated that maybe the therapist was demonstrating something for Madeline and I advised her that was not how sexual abuse interviewers or therapist work.

I asked Schneider if there was anything else that she thinks I need to know and she stated that she believes Eickmeier. Schneider advised that Eickmeier had recently let Kramer visit Madeline after the past court date. Schneider stated that Eickmeier dropped Madeline off at Kramer's work (Wesclox) and that Kramer's parents showed up. Schneider stated that when Eickmeier picked Madeline up, Mary Kramer and Joe Kramer walked Madeline to the car. Schneider stated that after the visit, Madeline told Eickmeier that Mary had "put her finger in her (madeline's) butt." Schneider stated that Eickmeier called her and told her what Madeline said.

I asked Schneider if she had ever witnessed Madeline masturbate and she stated she did once in the past. I asked Schneider if she had witnessed Madeline "dry humping" stuffed animals and she stated that she did. Schneider sated that Eickmeier has sent her photographs and videos in the past ,and I advised her that I have not received any photographs or videos. Schneider sated that maybe Eickmeier's attorney has the videos and photographs.

I thanked Schneider for her time and ended the interview at approximately 2:37 pm. I completed a PERS form (see attached) and a Avigilon form (see attached) and I placed the interview into evidence as Item #

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